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SOURCE A former prisoner in the labor camp at Jelez (F). Appraisal of Content: 3 except as noted.

1. The commandant of the labor camp and jail (Ośrodek Pracy i Miejszenie) in Jelez,¹ Olawa County, Wrocław Voivodship, is a captain. In July 1952 the camp contained about 3,000 prisoners; it was then expected, however, that the number would be increased to 10,000.
2. In early summer 1952 a new camp was opened in Jelez with the assignment of rebuilding the Berta works of the former Krupp AG. Some 40 skilled workers were employed for over two months remodeling apartments for the prison officials. Farmers in the villages were thought to be anti-Communist; they resisted requisitioning of their homes.
3. The plant in Jelez has been given the name of Jelezanskie Zakłady Samochodowe. It is to be put into operation as soon as possible and allegedly will become a large truck repair shop. Two of the previous five halls were almost rebuilt by the summer of 1952; one of these is to be used as a repair shop and the other as a warehouse. A third hall was being rebuilt in July 1952. Prisoners believe that the installation is to be a tank repair plant.
- P-1, 4. Approximately ten to twelve kilometers south of Jelez there is a jet airfield.² Planes were observed from a distance taking off and landing daily.

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Washington Comments:

1. Jelez cannot be located in available reference material, however, source may be referring to Jelez (Jeltsch - P 52/C 71), which is also located in Olawa County.
2. Source is referring to Olawa (Ohlau) Airfield. It was reported that in May 1952 the field was temporarily inactive, and it has not been previously reported that any jet planes were stationed here.

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